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ROAST:  
Sirloin of Veal with Dressing  
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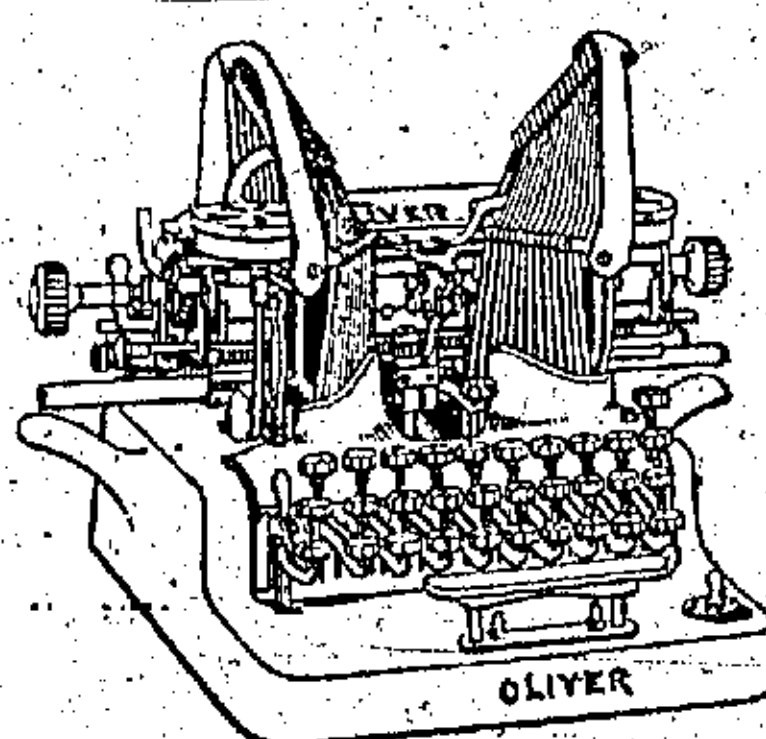
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A most pessimistic and depressing picture of the present situation in Japan is depicted in the November number of the "World's Work," by W. J. Kingsley, under the title of "Japan's War Tax and Poverty." It is perhaps right we should be reminded, with all the stories of Japan's progress, that there are some darker sides to the picture and many scores on its body politic which call loudly for remedy, but the present article, purporting to give a description of the sufferings of the people caused by the cost of war and by the new economic system, seems by itself to give an altogether one-sided and exaggerated view.

We are told that the victorious Japanese are now feeling the weight of a crushing burden pressing hard upon the population in every village, on every farm, and in every fishing-boat. In mines and offices and factories there is repining. Japanese children do not laugh as blithely as in the old days. Happiness was their heritage then, but now the nation demands that the little ones go to work at a time of life regarded in England as infancy. In the manufacturing cities like Osaka, there are no longer seen thousands of boys and girls playing in dainty many-colored costumes like gorgeous butterflies on the grass of temples. You will find them in coarse, dull clothing, working like pathetic dolls in the factories. All the necessities of life have gone up in price. Between the despotic paternalism of the Government and the imported mechanism of the private monopolies, the average Japanese is drained to the last sen to maintain an army and navy and to fatten the purses of a few favoured capitalists of powerful clans.

Mr Kingsley adds significantly in closing:—"So far as they will, object to the rise of the moneyed aristocracy, grumble over taxes, work for preposterous wages, the Japanese are loyal. The worst grumblers are the first to insist upon war when the nation's honour has been called into question." The article is accompanied by a number of capital illustrations. Included in the same magazine is a brief contribution on "The Peril of Japan," in which the writer descants on what he alleges to be the country's critical condition caused by increased taxes and war debts.

A German scientist, Dr Frobenius has arranged to devote himself for a couple of years to an extensive series of investigations in the basins of the River Niger. Last year he made a long journey through the basin of the Kasa, the great southern tributary of the River Congo—This time he intends to make a journey from Timbuctoo through the country within the Niger bend, and afterwards will proceed to the region of the lower Niger, extending, if possible, his researches to the German colonies of Togoland and the Kamerun.

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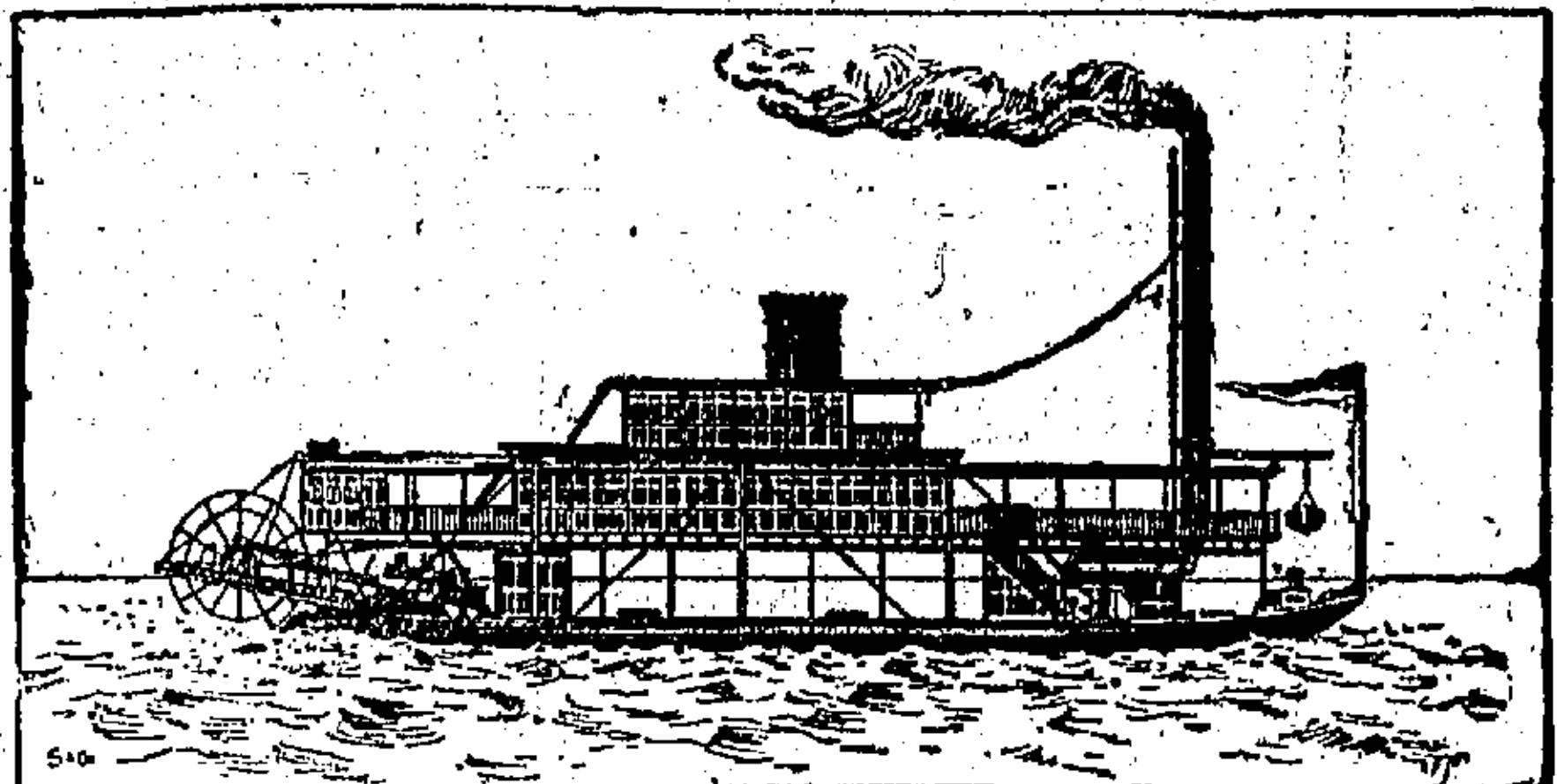
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## MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

## Auctions.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the Public Works Department's Office.

5 p.m.—Auction of Mechanical Toys and Dolls, Early Goods, &amp;c. at Mr Geo. P. Lamart's Sales Rooms.

## Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

## Miscellaneous.

Goods per Patent undelivered after this date subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, December 24.—

11 a.m.—Auction of English Jewellery, &amp;c., Messrs Hughes &amp; Hough's Sales Rooms.

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9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1907.

## THE WEST RIVER.

A calmer and more judicial mood is coming over some of the Chinese who deem it to be their duty to discuss in public the difficulties that have arisen in connection with the West River and the piracies that have taken place thereon. But whilst this is so, two established facts seem to stand out with great distinctness, and are emphasized with considerable definiteness. The first is the existence of contempt for the Chinese Government. This was the most conspicuous feature of the recent revolt and it is even more clearly seen in the later discussions, where there is less shouting and more reasoning. The writers sneer at the action of their Government in allowing the policing of the rivers to fall into the hands of foreigners. They say: the Customs department is ours and we control it. Of course as a fact it is managed by foreigners. But this matter, after all, is passed over without much feeling. The cause of the contempt is this: When native craft are pirated and appeals are made to the Government for redress and assistance, there is no reply, or if there be, the reply is given: we cannot attend to these matters. So things are allowed to take their course. But when foreigners get into trouble there is at once a great fuss and the officials do all in their power in order to meet the demands of the foreigner. Every one sees this difference of attitude and as the newspapers show it up the Government suffers in reputation. Another point is brought out with great clearness. Native craft are treated as if they were of no importance. When they are dealt with by the Customs they are delayed and harassed, and no attention is paid to any appeals that are made to relieve them of these harassments. On the other hand when boats which fly the foreign flag pass the inland Customs, even though there be no foreigners on board, they are dealt with in the most expeditious way. So the native launches hoist the British flag in sheer self-preservation. The native press, from which this information is gained, lays stress on the patriotism of foreigners who honour their respective flags almost more than everything or anything else. They would give their lives for the flag and will not allow it to be insulted. But nothing of this is, the papers declare, discovered among the Chinese, and especially among the officials. In fact the Government of China is "weak, and yielding, and deaf, and blind." In a word, the disaffected urge that the present crisis is due to the fact that the officials pay no attention to appeals when there are piracies on the native launches, and, further, that they harass the launches which fly the Dragon flag at the Customs. But it is partly the fault of the people, they say, for allowing things to drift into this state. Along these lines then the soberer section of the press is beginning to turn, and it must be admitted that they have some reason for their grievances, and that they should feel aggrieved is but natural. What then is the remedy for this? Is there any definite remedy to hope for? There is a course suggested, but it is one that the officials will not willingly adopt. The first suggestion is that there be powerful combinations of shippers formed which shall demand

power to manage their own affairs, and which shall be powerful enough to bring pressure to bear upon the local Government to remove grievances and redress wrongs. The combinations, it is thought, would be strong enough to compel this because of the numbers and the influence of those who thus combined. It is said that the amalgamation of business people for self-protection is a matter that concerns themselves only, and the officials have no right to interfere. There must be an attempt at self-government in such matters; the demand must be made and clung to in spite of all opposition. Then, secondly, when there is this combination of shippers, native craft should come back to their own flag. The owners do not fly the flag because they love the foreigner, but simply for self-protection, and the hour when they can be protected by their own people they will lower the flag of the foreigner and hoist their own. Then, there being no British flags in the waters, there will be no excuse for the British or any other nationality to interfere. The trouble will cease of its own account. This is the remedy proposed. It will be seen from this that the more sober writers have a fairly clear idea what is wrong, how things have gone wrong, and how to right them. The question now remains will they be able to follow the course here outlined? Their inability in railway combination seems to show that there is every probability of failure. It will be found, however, if there be powerful combinations of native traders who clamour for local power over local affairs, that they will have the Government to reckon with. The Government is certain to oppose any such movement to the utmost. The result will be there will be engendered in the minds of the people not only contempt for the Chinese Government but also bitter antagonism. It would seem from this that fears of anything serious arising as a result of the presence of the British flotilla in Chinese waters are quite unjustified. This view is supported by intelligent observers at Canton, who simply ridicule the idea that there is any danger to be apprehended from the agitation. The agitation is not directed at the foreigner but at the Government.

Some of our American cousins are nothing if not modest. The "Exporters and Importers Journal" recently to hand exhibits the weakness in a marked degree. Under the heading of "An Object Lesson to the World," it publishes an article which in view of the San Francisco Mayoral happenings, the big Trust exposures, and the frenzied financial operations in connection with other concerns, the tyranny of Tammany Hall, and the general shakiness of things' political, is worth reproduction. The paper says:—"The United States of America has become an object lesson for the world, not only in governmental principles, but in industrial and manufacturing life. In age she is less than a century and a third old, but she has absorbed the energy and genius of the entire globe and directed them to the solution of economic problems with such success that the nations of the world are obliged to come to her for instruction and guidance in the development of their own policies. The native American has become so welded to foreign nationalities in the progress of little more than a century that he combines within himself all that is worth knowing in art, science and industry and the result is that foreign nations are obliged to appeal to him when problems arise which it is beyond their power to solve."

A Chinese paper says: In compliance with the request of the guild of the steamship merchants, Viceroy Chang Jen-shun, Canton, has allowed to remove all treatment at the Customs from which the steamers with the dragon flag hitherto suffered.

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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

## Post Office Arrangements.

Wednesday and Thursday next, being Christmas Day and Boxing Day respectively, and the following Wednesday and Thursday (January 1 and 2) are to be observed as public holidays. The Post Office will be open on each day from eight a.m. to nine a.m. only. There will be one delivery of letters and one collection on Sundays, but the Money Order Office will be entirely closed. In the event of the arrival of the English Mail from Europe on either the 25th or 26th instant the Post Office will remain open one hour for the delivery thereof.

## THE VOLUNTEER TROOP.

## The Christmas Camp.

At 6.45 this morning the members of the Volunteer Troop to the number of sixteen paraded preparatory to setting out for the Christmas Camp, which is being held in the neighbourhood of Fushing, mid-way between Taipo and Sancheum. The country round about this locality is ideal for a camp of mounted men, though the tracks are not particularly good. The Sheung-shui Valley is of wide expanse and it is in this Valley that the members of the troop will make their headquarters. Camp will be broken up on December 26 and the men will be back in Hongkong on the following day.

## THE TYPHOON.

The U.S. Consulate has received the following from the Manila Observatory:—"December 20, 1907, at 5 p.m. Typhoon seems to have been filling up since yesterday."

## LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

December 25 and 26, and January 1 and 2 have been declared public holidays.

We are informed that there is a movement on foot to extend the law vacation.

The German Mail of the 21st November was delivered in London on the 20th inst.

Field firing was commenced to-day by the military from Kowloon Tsi in a North-North-Westerly direction against the slopes of Beacon Hill.

The Chinese Government is considering the sale of honorary titles, and it is suggested that the title of Marquis might be sold for a million taels. Anyone want to be a Marquis?

From the Royal Exchange Assurance Company we have received a blotting book and handy calendar, and the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company we received calendars.

Viceroy Tuan Fang has reported to the Chinese Government that the indemnity demanded by converts who sustained loss in the missionary trouble at Kwangsi amounts to over 200,000 taels.

Messrs Lane, Crawford and Co. inform us that their store will remain open until 6 o'clock on Monday and Tuesday evenings next to enable customers to complete their Christmas shopping.

The N.Y.K. have issued an exceedingly artistic calendar for 1908. It is splendidly designed and produced, and at once exhibits the art of Japan, and advises the way to get to the country.

The "Tagblatt" states that news has arrived at Peking of a tremendous snowstorm in the Gobi Desert, which, it is feared, has enveloped and destroyed several camel caravans which were en route between Kashgar, Khatana and Kalgan.

The Chinese and Engineering and Mining Limited, announces that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 30th Nov., 1907, amounted to 20,388.96 tons and the sales during the period to 18,260.13 tons.

Some Tokyo papers allege that Yokohama foreigners, suffering from the 150 per cent. tax on tobacco, are boldly landing a great quantity of tobacco from steamers or small sailing vessels in the Bluff or the neighbourhood of the Grand Hotel, whenever steamers arrive from abroad. This seems a curiously vague charge, says a Yokohama contemporary.

The London correspondent of the "Birmingham Post" says: "A correspondent who has been resident many years in the remote districts of West China informs me that there is just now an extraordinary desire for Western learning among the younger generation of students, who will be in the near future the virtual rulers of China. Expression is given to this tendency in various ways, and very recently the suggestion of establishing a museum in a city with a population of half a million, situated 1,600 miles from the sea, with no railways or steamers or other means of communication, has been warmly taken up by the student and official classes, who hitherto have been extremely hostile to the foreigner. My informant believes that at last there is a good chance by such institutions as museums and libraries of revolutionizing the attitude of the Chinese towards the foreigner and the Christian mission, and perhaps bringing about many much needed reforms."

## THE PROPOSED CHINESE CONSULATE.

## Canton Viceroy Against It.

Wu Ting Fang and Lord Li having suggested that a Chinese Consulate be established in Hongkong the question was referred to the Canton Viceroy by the Peking Government. The Viceroy has replied expressing the opinion that owing to the close proximity of Canton to Hongkong any question relating to China can easily be dealt with. He also points out that if a Consulate is established any question that might crop up would have to be cabled Home to London, as the Minister there must receive all communications of the kind from any British Colony, and he refers the matter to Peking.

## CANTON-MACAO RAILWAY.

A Chinese paper says: The Waiwupu has presented a memorial regarding the cancellation of the agreement between China and Portugal of the Canton-Macao Railway.

## MANCHURIAN RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

Tokyo, December 15.

The stream of coolie labour returning from Manchuria to Shanghai for the winter has hitherto largely depended upon the extramural railway line. The Japanese railway in South Manchuria is now intending to attract the coolies by reducing its fares.

## CHINA'S NATIONAL CURRENCY.

On the 13th December the Emperor received the President and Vice-Presidents of the Board of Finance and enquired of them as to the measures for having a monetary standard and they maintained seven since two candarines as the standard. Chang Chih-tung and Yuan Shih-kai maintained one tael and both argued their points and it was decided to place the matter before the Government Council on the 18th. It is reported that Yuan Shih-kai intends to remove all the high officials of the Board of Finance if they resist his views.

## CANTON LEPER FUND.

We will be glad to acknowledge and forward any donations towards the Canton Leper Fund. We have to acknowledge the following:—

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## MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S TOUR.

A Benter telegram from Nairobi, dated Nov. 4, says:—Mr. Churchill arrived here to-day and was received at the station by the officials and leading residents. He thanked those present for their reception of him, and expressed his admiration for East African scenery. He considered that the Uganda Railway was a unique asset of the empire. He then proceeded to Government House, escorted by the local Volunteers and Legion of Frontiersmen. Mr. Churchill made a speech at Nairobi on Nov. 6 in which he stated that the chief object of his visit was to acquire a personal interest in the country. The protectorate would have the advantage of a friend at the Colonial Office. A new country's difficulties ought not to be insuperable. Its statesmen were not hampered by past history, as was the case at home.

## THE MAURETANIA'S TRIAL.

## 31½ Miles an Hour.

The Cunard liner Mauretania, said the "Standard" of Nov. 6, is now running her trials prior to her first voyage for New York, leaving Liverpool on the 16th inst. She has already run a distance of 300 miles at an average speed of 27.36 knots, equal to 31½ miles an hour. This would indicate that the Mauretania will be the fastest ocean-going steamer afloat.

The average speeds of the Transatlantic greyhounds on their best voyages have been:—  
Lusitania (record voyage) ... 23.98 knots  
Kaiser Wilhelm II. ... 23.58  
Deutschland ... 23.51  
Lusitania (first voyage) ... 23.01

A Liverpool telegram says that at noon yesterday the Lusitania was 627 miles west of Queenstown, her average speed being 24.30 knots. The day's run from noon on Monday was 600 knots.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Haviland de Sausmarez, British judge at Shanghai, contemplates coming to Hongkong shortly for a week or two.

Colonel H. Martin, A.M.S., has been appointed a member of the Sanitary Board in succession to Lieut.-Col. Reid, R.A.M.C.

We learn that Dr. W. Dobson, the late director of the Observatory, has taken up his permanent residence at Elgin Road, Sutton, Surrey.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, and S. B. C. Ross, Assistant Land Officer, have been appointed members of the Examining Board in the place of Messrs T. Sercombe Smith and A. M. Thomson, who have resigned.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## OPIUM SUPPRESSION.

## A Censor Cures Himself.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 20.

An Imperial Edict was issued on the 19th inst. stating that Censor Chan Ming Yik, recently dismissed owing to his weakness for opium, has memorialised the Throne declaring that he has given up the opium habit entirely, and urging that he be reinstated to office. His memorial has been accepted to and Chan has been replaced on the Censorate Board.

## NEW CANTON VICEROY.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 20.

It is stated that the Acting Viceroy of Chihli, Ying Shi Shung, will be transferred to Canton as Viceroy in place of Viceroy Chang Jen Chun, who will be transferred to the Szechuen province.

It is also stated that Viceroy Tuan Fang, of Liang Kiang provinces, will be transferred to Chihli.

## "RAISING THE WIND."

## Money for a Railway.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 20.

Acting on instructions from the Throne the Viceroy of the Liang Hu provinces has ordered the Mint at Hupai to coin an additional sum of 4,000,000 copper cents to be appropriated towards the fund for the construction of the Hunan section of the Canton-Hankow railway.

## THE UNREST IN KWANGSI.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

NANKING, December 20.

The Governor of Kwangsi, Chang Ming Chi, left Kweihsin on the 19th inst. to inspect Leungehow and Nanning, where there has been considerable unrest of late.

PEKING, December 10.  
All the telegraph lines South of Chinnankuan have been cut down by the rebels who are preparing to rise on a great scale.

PEKING, December 10.  
The Waiwupu has communicated with the French Minister to the effect that Chinese troops should be allowed to pass the border to the extent of five li, in order to surround the rebels.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 21st at 12.10 p. The northern depression is crossing the Sea of Japan and approaching the neighbourhood of Hokkaido, where pressure has decreased very rapidly.

The barometer has risen moderately to considerably over China and a slight rise has taken place also over the Philippines. Pressure is, however, still low over the latter area and the S.E. part of the China Sea.

The anticyclonic area remains over the Upper Yangtze.

Gradients are steep generally, and hard monsoon gales will continue to prevail over the China Sea, and very strong monsoon along the whole of the China coast.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICTS.

- 1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. winds, strong; fine.
- 2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong to a gale.
- 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: S. winds, No. 1.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: N. gale.

## WHY SUFFER FROM RHEUMATISM.

Do you know that rheumatic pains can be relieved? If you do, this is the only application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It will give you relief from pain and will make rest and sleep possible. For sale by all chemists and druggists.







## BY TELEGRAPH.

## ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

## Result of Kaiser's Visit.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 20.

Earl Grey, speaking at Berwick with respect to the welcome accorded to the Kaiser by the English nation, remarked that the way His Majesty had reciprocated was found to have a good effect on both countries.

## MORE EXPLOSIONS.

## A Pittsburg Disaster.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 20.

A serious explosion in the Darby Colliery, Pittsburg, has resulted in the death of 160 persons.

## The Palermo Tragedy.

An explosion in an explosives store at Palermo caused the collapse of a hotel.

The hotel was above the store and was crowded with emigrants.

Seventeen dead and seventy-one wounded persons have been extracted from the debris but many are still missing.

## CANADA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, December 19.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, in the House of Representatives, said that he had every reason to believe the mission of Mr. Lemieux had reached a satisfactory termination, and added that he believed the Japanese Government had acted in good faith but the understanding regarding restricted immigration had been evaded by enterprising parties. The remedy was legislation by Japan, not by Canada.

LATER.

Sir Wilfred Laurier also said that the immigration of Japanese and Chinese could not be treated in the same way. Japan was an ally of the Motherland and conceded important trade privileges to Canada. It was necessary to withhold a complete statement until the return of Mr. Lemieux.

## THE CRUISE OF THE FLEET.

LONDON, December 19.

It is stated in New York that Admiral Evans, after the fleet had sailed, announced that it would return via Suez.

The New York press is heatedly discussing whether the ships are as efficient as they are supposed to be.

## RESIGNATION OF LIEUTENANT WOOD.

LONDON, December 19.

Lieutenant Wood of the 2nd Grenadier Guards has resigned his commission under protest.

## CRICKET.

LONDON, December 19.

Australia won the first Test Match at Sydney by two wickets.

## THE LATE KING OF SWEDEN.

LONDON, December 19.

King Oscar was buried yesterday with great pomp. The Kings of Sweden, and Denmark, Prince Arthur of Connaught, and the foreign Princes marched in the procession, while the Queens drove to the church.

## A NOVEL PUNISHMENT.

Mr. Montagu Sharpe at the Brentford Police Court recently ordered a schoolboy convicted of damaging a tree, the property of the Baling Corporation, to provide another tree which meets with the approval of the Borough Surveyor and to plant it himself. Failing this he is to pay 20s. and costs.

"If the children of this country were brought up as those in Germany and Switzerland and taught to plant trees in the public highway," said Mr. Sharpe, "there would be less of this wanton destruction of trees provided by a public authority."

## CEASE YOUR WORRY.

If your child is threatened with croup give it Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and all danger will be avoided. It contains nothing in any way injurious and is pleasant to take. Sold by all chemists and storekeepers.

## THE TRANSPORT'S DEPARTURE.

Shortly after noon to-day the transport Silida left for England, via the usual ports, and among her complement of returning officers were many who have served in the Colony for some time. There was quite a number of visitors on board this morning bidding farewell to their friends but at noon most were off the transport. A number of Volunteer Instructors were amongst those who departed and during the week they received various presents from the different companies in which they were interested.

## SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated 13th December, Messrs. Vernon and Smyth state:—

A fair business has been transacted during the week, but it has been confined to few stocks. Rates generally speaking have inclined to weakness, and with a few exceptions close at that. The rapid fall in sterling exchange and the scarcity of money among operators and investors have contributed to an erratic state of the market; these causes added to money required for new issues and the settlement of accounts for the end of the year, make most closing rates weak, and a temporary restriction of business may be looked for. Exchange on London, T. T., 1½ Shanghai 7½.

India.—With a decline on the London market to 280 Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled easier, and sales have been made at \$720 and \$715 for old, and at \$710 and 705 for new shares. At time of closing, however, buyers of old at \$715 and of new at 705 meet with no response, and it is probable that slightly higher rates would be paid for small lots. Nationals remain unchanged and without business.

Marine Insurance.—With persistent buyers and no sellers Unions have improved to 8805 with buyers, and even at this enhanced rate no shares appear to be available. Cantons have been placed further at \$242½. North Chinas are quoted in the North at Tls. 87, but we have no local sales to report or quotations to give. Yangtzes are quoted in Shanghai at 145 and 130 for old and new respectively.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkongs have changed hands at the improved rate of 330, but at time of closing a few shares are obtainable at that rate, while buyers at 325 fail to be satisfied. Chinas have further improved to 94 closing firm at that rate.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Mancoos have ruled weak, owing chiefly to some shares on the market for the approaching settlement, and after sales at 29½, close with sellers at 29½. At the same time we learn that the Company is doing a very satisfactory business, and after the settlement an improvement may fairly be looked for. Indo-Chinas, Douglases and China Manilas continue at the same nominal quotations, but no shares appear to be available. Shells have been a dead market and close unchanged and without business.

Refineries.—China Sugars have improved, and sales are reported at 90 and 100 closing with buyers at the higher rate. Luzons remain unchanged.

Mining.—Raubs have ruled weaker and the market closes at 8½ sellers with no business to report. Chinese Engineering remains firm and even at the advanced rate of 16 and no shares appear to be available; we have heard of no local sale during the week. Langkats have improved in the North to 360 ex the dividend of Tls. 7½ paid on 16th inst.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Wharves Docks have ruled weak, and after sales at 90 close quiet at that rate. Kowloon Wharves, chiefly in consequence of the new issue due on the 31st inst., remain very much out of favour, and with shares forced on the market the rate gradually fell to 60 with sellers, with out inducing buyers to come forward, and at time of closing we hear of a sale of the new issue at a lower equivalent rate. Shanghai Docks have ruled steady in the North at 71½, but we have no local business to report. Hongkong Wharves have improved to 207½, and close firm at the rate.

Lands, Hotels, and Buildings.—Rates remain unchanged and we have no business to report under this heading.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have improved to 53, and Laon Kung Mows have declined to 65. Further than these we have no changes to report.

Miscellaneous.—Bells Asbestos have improved to 7 buyers, China Providents to 9½ with sales and buyers; and Green Islands to 11½ with sales at that, after sales at 11 and 11½. Watsons have been placed at the reduced rate of 10, but more shares are wanted at that rate without finding sellers. Union Water Boats have been done at 10½ and close in demand at that. United Asbestos are enquired for at quotation but none seem to be available. We have nothing further to report under this heading.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY CURES QUICKLY, SAFELY AND EASILY.

MR. M. Canier, proprietor of the Universal Supply Store at Smaldale, O.R.C., says: "I have used and sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for over five years in South Africa and find it gives relief in a very short time and always gives satisfaction to my customers. When I was in England on a trip I was sorry to find that I could not procure this remedy, as a doctor's advice or anything else would not cure me so quickly, safely and easily. This medicine is sold all over South Africa, and there is nothing better for coughs, colds or croup as it contains absolutely nothing injurious and is perfectly safe to give the little ones. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers."

## SPORTING.

## The Races.

The preliminary programme for the annual race meeting is published. There are thirty-two races, eleven on the first and second days, and ten on the third. The Gold Coast Cup, Governor's Cup, and the Birthday Cup have been omitted, but the following new races have been put on:—The Hongkong Griffin Stakes, The Tientsin Stakes, The Grand Stand Stakes, The Kowloon Stakes and one unnamed race. The meeting is to be held on February 11, 12, and 13, a week earlier than last year.

## Lusitano Football Club.

ELEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION.										
The Table now stands:—										
TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Victor's (C).....	5	4	0	1	5	1	13			
Ozorio's (D).....	5	4	0	1	5	2	13			
Cordeiro's (B).....	5	4	1	0	13	2	12			
Rosa's (G).....	6	4	1	1	7	3	11			
Barreto's (F).....	6	1	3	2	4	5	5			
Ribeiro's (E).....	7	1	4	2	2	5	5			
Barros's (A).....	7	1	5	1	0	10	4			

3 points for a win and one point for a draw.

## TRIAL BY JURY AT SHANGHAI.

## An American Petition.

A petition is being circulated among Americans within the Settlement having for its object the inclusion of trial by jury in the code of laws which is to be framed for the United States Court. It is within remembrance that on one or two occasions a jury trial has been asked for prisoners, but the Court not having the power to grant this a number of citizens have taken steps to ensure this. While among a certain section of the community the petition is being received with favour, business men are not so enthusiastic about it, and one or two instances of a refusal have occurred on the ground that those who have been approached view with anything but equanimity the prospect of leaving business to be tried for several days—to sit on a jury. Enquiries tend to show that in the new legislation it is not intended to ask for provision for a jury, but that a scheme of assessors sitting in certain cases with the judge is in contemplation.—"Shanghai Mercury."

## THE UNREST IN IRELAND.

## How it is Caused.

Mr. David Sheehy, M.P., was the principal speaker at a meeting of the United Irish League which was held on Nov. 3 at Ashbourne, Co. Meath. Referring to Judge Curran's address to the grand jury at Navan last week, Mr. Sheehy said that Judge Curran had been for many years County Court Judge of Meath, but he had never heard that his Honour, in any pronouncement of his from the Bench, had given expression to his feelings of horror and dismay at the driving of people off the land. When it came to driving cattle, however, he got a pain in his stomach. Even Lord O'Brien wanted to make the Attorney-General for Ireland—and tried to "bulldoze" him into so doing—prosecute him (Mr. Sheehy), among others, for advising the people that, if they had no other means of putting an end to the eleven months' system, there was one way open to honest and determined men—namely, to drive the cattle from the land. Recently a resolution had been passed by the Danshaughlin Board of Guardians, of which Mr. Sheehy said that he highly approved, calling upon the committees of the hunts in Meath to notify to County Court Judge Fitzgerald that, while the people were anxious to keep Meath always open for hunting they required the committee to let Judge Fitzgerald that he must not hunt with hounds. He asked the people to encourage hunting, but they had a perfect right to tell Mr. Fitzgerald that he should not hunt over the fair fields of Meath, and that if he did come he would be prosecuted by the farmers for trespass, and, whether fined or not, if he came again to give him the stick. The committees of the hunts would not be interfered with unless they had such notorious associates as this Fitzgerald. He believed that sooner than have the hunting stopped they would say to Fitzgerald, "Stand by, go home, take your horses out of whatever stable you have them in; they are polluting, and you are polluting the air of Meath." Referring to the compensation awarded last week to Capt. Magan for the cattle drive on Killyon Farm, Mr. Sheehy said that he had it on trustworthy authority that it had been said that it was probably done by the police. The explanation was easy; the police were living in a district where no cattle drives had taken place, and they wanted to be left at home playing cards, and unless they were able to show cause for being kept at home, they would be hunting about Danshaughlin, Skreen, Ratoath, or some of the other warm districts chasing cattle at night. The more resolute and determined the people were, the better he and the Irish Party would like it. Let them strike down landlordism with vigour and resolution. There were two ways in which the land question might be settled—one was by a compulsory sale Bill; the other by a compulsory act of the people themselves. He preferred the latter. There was not a ranching landlord in Ireland whose farms and wide acres were not once occupied by a thriving and happy people. They were driven out to make way for the cattle; the cattle should go out now to make way for the people.

## TRADE MARKS IN JAPAN.

## An Important Decision.

The Japanese "Official Gazette" publishes the decision given by the authorities of the Patent Bureau in the petition brought by Messrs. Tan and Perin, of Worcester, against Keishichiro Yasa, Kobe, claiming that the registered "sauce trade mark No. 20,131 should be declared null and void. Appellants insisted that the trade mark of respondent must be an imitation of trade marks Nos. 9,589 and 9,590 held by appellants on the ground that trade mark No. 9,589 used by appellants has on its top in a tortuous curve the European words "Worcester Sauce" and the trade mark of respondent has also similar words to that effect and that there is a general resemblance between the two trade marks of appellants and respondent, both in the type of the lettering and the colours used. Respondent asked the Bureau that the claim of appellants be dismissed, contending that the word "Worcester sauce" is now used as a common name, and that a parallel case is found in the use of the word "Nanzuke," originally produced at Nara, but now generally used elsewhere in Japan. He also stated that the trade mark of respondent has in big letters the name of K. Yasui, as that of appellants has the name of "Lee and Perin" and, therefore, there is a clear distinction in the important part of the trade marks, particularly attracting the public attention. The Patent Bureau, however, gave decision in favour of appellants, and the trade mark of respondent was declared to be invalid in accordance with No. 4 of Art. 2 of the Trade Mark Law, on the ground that the trade mark in question may be said to resemble that of appellants, even though the trade mark of respondent has the Chinese characters "Hinode" and "Choton" thereon to distinguish it from the one imitated.

## RUSSIA IN THE FAR EAST.

## M. Shipoff's Mission.

Among the passengers who arrived in Shanghai recently by the Prinz Regent Luitpold was M. Shipoff, the Russian financial expert, coming from Japan, who has been engaged for some months in travelling through Siberia and the Far East to examine and report on the general financial and commercial situation with a view to future developments. M. Shipoff accompanied Count Witte to Port Arthur, New Hampshire, in the capacity of financial expert, at the time of the peace negotiations with Japan, and was immediately afterwards appointed Finance Minister in Count Witte's administration. M. Shipoff left St. Petersburg towards the end of August and travelled to Harbin, stopping en route at one or two places in Siberia. Thence he went to Khabarovsk and Vladivostok, crossed over to Tsuruga and went to Tokyo, where he was received by the Emperor, and after visiting the most important industrial and commercial centres of Japan, has come on to Shanghai. From here he will go, as soon as there is a boat, to Hankow, to take the train for Peking, where he purposes to make a stay of some duration before returning to St. Petersburg.

Of the general condition of affairs in Northern Manchuria as he saw it, and also of the South as he heard of it from trustworthy informants, it is understood that M. Shipoff does not take a very hopeful view at present, although he admits that there are already signs of slight improvement and that the future is not without possibilities. The Sunghai Plain is a good grain-growing country; and the position of Harbin upon a useful river which is crossed by a flourishing railway appears to be almost ideal. What is necessary is patience, the restoration of order and the development of the country. The situation at Vladivostok, according to M. Shipoff, presents general tightness of money and weakness of trade which are felt more or less all over the world, are having a heavy effect on Northern Manchuria; for while all the financial operations of the new countries are naturally far more susceptible to these crises than the old. It may be remarked that M. Shipoff's views coincide both with the future which our observers have designed for Harbin as the centre of one of the granaries of the East, and with the colonizing policy of the Russian Government, which is understood to be offering free farms to colonists in Manchuria, particularly to soldiers who served in the Far East.

M. Shipoff's reception in Japan was most cordial throughout and marked by numerous receptions. He was amazed at the energy of the Japanese, at the number of new enterprises which are observed in every town. But he could not fail to see that Japan was evidently in need of money and thereby hampered in her development. With regard to the precise duties which call him to Peking we understand that M. Shipoff is partially guided by the fact that the great bulk of Manchurian trade is in the hands of Chinese. But he states positively that his mission is not in any way diplomatic or political. In conclusion, for those who are interested in the internal development of Russia it is worth mentioning that at the same time M. Shipoff left St. Petersburg for the Far East, M. Filosoff, the Russian Minister of Trade and Commerce, started on a similar mission in the United States. It is a curious coincidence that the dominant resources of the Russian Empire are not to be neglected by its administrators.—"N.C. Daily News."

## THE PACIFIC FLEET.

## New York, December 14.

On Monday President Roosevelt will review the Pacific fleet, which then sets sail from Hampton Roads.

A report, of which, however, there is as yet no confirmation, is current that the Japanese cabinboys have been ordered off all the ships of the Pacific fleet.

## DR. MORRISON CRITICISED.

## Attack By Tientsin Paper.

Thus the "China Critic," a Tientsin daily: Ever since the Boxer rebellion and Russo-Japanese war, when Dr. Morrison took up such an unfortunate position in connection with Japan's doings—his ideas which have, however, since been considerably changed and modified—we have regretted, on more than one occasion, to see such a clever man, holding, as he undoubtedly does, a very high and powerful position, taking up views which are, to say the least of them, entirely antagonistic to those held by the principal foreigners, who have lived almost as many years in China or the Far East as the doctor has lived months; to say nothing of the pernicious effect that they have exercised upon the native minds, official and civilian.

It must be generally admitted that, however good a correspondent the doctor may be in the interests of his paper, the London "Times," he is anything but an authority on matters Chinese; his failure to realise the true gravity of the Boxer rebellion and to recognise the futility of the present anti-foreign policy of China's officials, which is calculated to do more harm to the Empire, if allowed to go on unchecked, than anything which would be done by foreigners have amply proved this.

What else the doctor has got to grind by his present attitude towards China, and of his attitude against all foreign interests, it is impossible for us here to know; but that he has been gradually coming over to the present Chinese views as against all foreign help or advice, has been only too clear for some months past.

The views recently enunciated by Dr. Morrison, and presumably supported by his paper and the London "Standard," will, if taken up and acted upon in Great Britain, and fallen in with at Peking, we venture to state, not only tend to throw China's government more and more into the hands of the old reactionary party but jeopardise the lives and vested interests of thousands of foreigners, steadily the effects of dozens of treaties and finally end in a disruption in the Empire, chaos, and intervention by Foreign Powers.

## A CHINESE REPUBLIC.

## A Yarn or A Fact?

An account is published in the "Bourse Gazette" of a hitherto unknown Chinese republic in Russian territory in the Far East, on the Iman river, between Bialy and Dyssanyan, a barren country not far from Vladivostok. The Chinese republic, which has escaped the attention of the Russian administration and made a set of laws of its own, is called the Republic of Iman. One of the paragraphs of its laws, called "The First Law of the Turkey Red Russian," contains the constitution and rules of conduct, as follows:—

"These are the laws approved by the celestial Chinese Government (Tun Ten Lo) for the valley of the River Iman (Ganlu) and surrounding country:—

"Brothers: We have taken the oath in the sight of heaven to govern the Iman valley and its neighbourhood, the Chin-citizen brothers and the Orochon helets as well as the guests and the newcomers among us according to law and justice, and all violations of our statutes will be punished without the slightest clemency in accordance with the following rules:—

"Gambling, card playing, keeping bank, etc., are permitted only one month in the year—from November 15th to December 15th. Those guilty of violating this rule are punished by a fine of 600 pounds of their movable property, a fat pig and twenty blows with a stick. This punishment affects only gamblers who have not the right to gamble, not being registered in the list of 'Cross Brothers.' The bank-keeper, the house owner and the gambling clerk are equally subject to punishment."

"If one of our subjects steals skins from another's house, or relieves the set traps of others of his valuable animal, or takes it from another's grounds, he is punished by burial alive. Whoever steals the precious ginseng root is put to death by drowning without any exercise of mercy. Whoever steals pantomium is buried alive without clemency."

"Guests have the right to three days' free board and lodging at every house in the republic; after this term expires they must pay 40 kopecks a day for food, and if they happen to arrive during the celebration of the Chinese New Year they must contribute 15 roubles for the said celebration."

"Everybody is obliged to keep a watch-dog at his house; if he has none, he must borrow one from his neighbour, and if such a dog dies the neighbour has no right to claim it back. For violation of this law one is punishable by forty blows with the stick."

"If any workmen or guests are seen to fraternize according to the mysterious rites of the Cross Brotherhood, and the landlord does not report such fraternization to the authorities he is fined 400 pounds of movable property while the guilty ones receive twenty blows of the stick each."

"Old debts may be collected from the Orochon native, but loans in general are hereafter forbidden." In the forests and in the mountains no debts whatsoever can be collected; on the Iman river debts can be collected, but not indoors. The punishment for defaulting is 400 pounds of movable property, twenty blows and a fat pig."

"Citizens of the republic who do not announce the approach of a Russian are put to death on the spot."

These statutes were translated by the Registrar Tsun-Fu, faithfully from the original, in the third year of the reign of Emperor Gan-Lue, on the third day of the fourth moon.

## POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIANS.

The announcement that playgoers have been looking forward to with pleasant anticipation engendered by undying memories of previous histrionic triumphs, and the great public interest which has been aroused by the advent of the charming little artists of the Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company, will have an opportunity of being satisfied this evening when the gifted children upon their season in the Theatre Royal with the bright musical comedy "The Belle of New York."



IVY POLLARD.

In every way is the company up to the high standard theatregoers are accustomed to associate with the name of Pollard's Lilliputians, and we understand that the scenery, costumes, and all other accessories, which have been specially prepared for this company's forthcoming tour in America and Canada, will be on a scale of lavishness to satisfy the most exacting and fastidious. The curtain will rise at 9.15 sharp. The Box Plan is now open at the Robinson Piano Co., where seats may be booked. During the season of the Lilliputians the Peak late train will leave 15 minutes after each performance.

## INSURANCE IN JAPAN.

## Proposed State Monopoly.

Under the date of Dec. 1st, the "Japan Mail" gives the following:—The "Shogyo Shimpu" has a very interesting note which suggests that the Government is thinking of making the business of insurance a State monopoly. The motive of this step would be, not to enrich the Treasury, but to place this important business on a really secure basis. Our contemporary alleges that several years ago the Government undertook investigations by way of preliminary to some such programme, but abandoned them finally in view of the fact that the idea of insuring life and property had not yet obtained wide vogue among the people. Recent events, however, have shown that not only in the great cities but also in remote provincial districts the value of insurance has come to be recognised, and have shown also—which is much more important—that this business, so vital to industrial and commercial expansion as well as to the welfare of the individual, is in danger of being seriously discredited by the intrusion of dishonest practices. Petty insurance companies which have been started in various parts of the country, with capital quite inadequate to the business undertaken by them and with directors who do not hesitate to apply the companies' funds to private uses or even to invest them in speculative enterprises. In these circumstances there is some ground to argue that it would be for the benefit of the nation if the Government took the business into its own hands.

## JAPAN'S FRENZIED FINANCE.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange, says the "Japan Mail" of the 2nd December, goes from bad to worse. The shares of the Exchange fell on Saturday to the neighbourhood of 103 yen, but there is a special cause in the case of this particular scrip, namely, that the dividend for the current half year is expected to be only 11 per cent. Should this forecast prove correct, it is not improbable that the shares of the Exchange will ultimately descend nearly to the level at which those of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha now stand, namely 79 yen. There has been nothing like this since the day when news was received that no indemnity could be obtained from Russia. One cause assigned for the general dullness is that there is considerable tightness of money in view of the New Year.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), DEC. 21st, at 9.15

## RETURN OF THE FAVORITE

## POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN OPERA CO.

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## HARBOURS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHIPPING.

The day has evidently arrived when larger ships will be generally built at the works and waterways in the ports frequented by such ships will have to be reconstructed and extended according to the needs of the larger vessels. Unless harbour and dock authorities actively alive to this fact, it may be too late for them to do so before the hold jurisdiction will fall back on the State, and give place to more enterprising rivals. Professor Biles has called attention to vessels of 700 ft. long as compared with vessels of 500 ft., the advantage running up to 20 per cent. when draught was increased in proportion to length. Increase of length without increase of draught was disadvantageous. There is not very much doubt, Professor Biles rightly remarked, about the increase in earning power of large ships per ton of goods carried, but there is some doubt about the increased earning power of large ships unless the necessary amount of goods is forthcoming. Therefore the extent of increase in the size of ships which profitable depends very much on the volume of trade which is behind it. Freight is reacted upon by the volume of goods carried, and also the depth of the port. Many of the large ships engaged by the American and Canadian services are ships of a special class, mainly adapted for passenger service, and carrying but little cargo. Although accommodation for passengers is required at such ports as Liverpool, Southampton, and also the depth of the port, the type of ship, it would be obvious, are generally built, and so far as the requirements and demands of the future with regard to the particular class of cargo carried on, should be taken into view, and in this last condition of affairs for the dock engineer to confer with the naval architect. Shipowners and shipbuilders appear to be unable at present to go beyond the bare statement that the future on a liberal scale, and so far as the requirements and demands of the future with regard to the particular class of cargo carried on, should be taken into view, and in this last condition of affairs for the dock engineer to confer with the naval architect. Shipowners and shipbuilders appear to be unable at present to go beyond the bare statement that the future on a liberal scale, and so far as the requirements and demands of the future with regard to the particular class of cargo carried on, should be taken into view, and in this last condition of affairs for the dock engineer to confer with the naval architect. 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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1907.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

## St. John's Cathedral.

SUNDAY, 4th IN ADVENT.  
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)  
Matins (10 a.m.)—Hymn,  
Ordination Service (11 a.m.)—Hymn,  
383 (Tune 366); Litany; "Veni  
Ororet," Attwood; Verse 13, Solo;  
Verses 2, Quiret; Verse 3, Chorus;  
Kyrle, Spout in Victory; The  
Lord Bishop of Victoria.  
Evensong (6.45 p.m.) (Full Choir).  
Responses, Psalms, of the 22nd  
evening; Magnificat and Nunc  
Dimittis, Wesley in F; Anthem "Arie  
Shine," Elvey; Hymns, 193, 49;  
Sevenfold Amen; "Mundell's  
Nata in D minor, Verses 1, 2, 5, 12 in  
unison; Psalm 109, Verses 1, 2, 13,  
14, 21, 25, 29 in unison.

## Union Church.

KENNEDY CHURCH.  
Minister—Rev. C. H. Hickling.  
Sunday 11 a.m.—Worship, Hymn 28,  
Chant 115, Anthem "For us now go"  
(Hopkins), Hymns 629, 313.  
4 p.m.—Sunday School as usual.  
6 p.m.—Special Order of Service paper.  
Christmas Day—10.30 a.m.: Service  
conducted by Rev. C. H. Hickling.  
Friday 8 p.m.—Christian Endeavour So-  
ciety, "Trayer and Praise."

## St. Andrew's, Kowloon.

(Robinson Road, near British School.  
Services on Sundays—  
Holy Communion 11 a.m. (1st and 5th  
Sundays of month)  
" " 8 a.m. (2nd and 4th  
" " Sundays of month).  
" " 7 p.m. (3rd Sunday).  
Morning prayer and sermon—11 a.m.  
Evening prayer and sermon—7 p.m.  
On Wednesdays—  
Shortened Evening Service (with address  
or reading) at 6 p.m. followed by  
Congregational Choir Practice at 6.45  
p.m.  
Children's Services, monthly, on 3rd Sun-  
days at 3 p.m., followed by Holy  
Baptism (when necessary) at 4 p.m.  
Sunday School on all other Sundays at 3  
p.m., except during the summer  
months.

## St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West.

4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT.  
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.  
Venite, Ugo; Te Deum, Russell; Bene-  
dictus, Barby; Hymns, 49, 67, 85,  
75.  
Evening Prayer, 6.30.  
Nunc Dimittis, Turle; Hymns, 51, 69,  
58, 227.  
Holy Communion 7.45 p.m.  
The Church launch "Dayspring" will  
call on ships carrying white crews  
to bring friends ashore to the services  
between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between  
5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier  
10.30 and 6), returning afterwards. All  
the sittings are free and unappropriated.  
Visitors welcome. Books &c. provided.  
N.B.—On Sunday evening from 6 to  
6.30, the choir will sing a selection of  
carols.

## Wesleyan Church, Wanchai.

Divine Service—10.15 a.m.  
6 p.m.

## Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street.

Men's Bible Class: 2.30 p.m.  
Gospel Meeting—8 p.m.  
Peak Church.  
Holy Communion—8 a.m.

## Deutsche Kirche.

Gottendienst—11 Uhr. in Bethel  
Kapelle, Cause Road.  
Christian Science Services.  
York Buildings, Cause Road—Sundays,  
11.15 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6.30 p.m.

## St. Joseph's Church.

Mass, Sermon (English) and Benediction  
at 10 a.m.

## To-day's Advertisements

## TUESDAY,

the 24th December, 1907, at 11 a.m., at  
their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, DES  
VUEX ROAD, Corner of Ice  
House Street.

## ENGLISH JEWELLERY.

Comprising—  
DIAMOND RINGS, GOLD CHAINS, BRACE-  
LETS, FINE GOLD WATCHES, NECK  
CHAINS and FANCY GOODS; &c.

## MISCELLANEOUS GOODS.

Comprising—  
NEW ENGLISH OVERCOATS, MACIN-  
TOSHES HATS, SUITS OF CLOTHES, SEWING  
MACHINES, MICROSCOPES, SHOOTING  
BOOTS, CLOCKS, BAROMETERS, GOLD  
CHRONOMETERS, Yr Arnold, SURVIVOR'S  
LEVEL, and VALUABLE MISCELLANEOUS  
DIAMOND KING

## Catalogue will be issued.

TERMS—As usual.  
HUGHES & ROUGH,  
Auctioneers.

## HONGKONG, December 21, 1907.

## MOUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND  
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby  
informed that all Goods are  
being landed at their risk into the  
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,  
at Kowloon, whence and whither from the  
Godowns delivery may be obtained.  
No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all  
Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th  
December, will be subject to rent.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Consignee on or before  
the 20th Jan., 1908, or they will not be  
recognized.  
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they  
will be examined on the 27th instant, at  
3 p.m.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.

## HONGKONG, December 21, 1907.

## THE HONGKONG FROZEN FOOD SUPPLY.

JUST LANDED.  
Ex S.S. Aldenham & Changsha.

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